

**Shortage of Teachers in Tamil Nadu**

**302. SHRI V. P. DURAISAMY:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of teachers in colleges/universities in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that universities are not able to meet the demand of industry and institutions for IT professional; and
- (c) what steps Government would take to provide suitable IT professionals in Tamil Nadu and in the country?

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):** (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Higher Education for Poor**

**†303. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that higher education is getting out of reach of lower sections of society;
- (b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to take any concrete steps in this regard; and
- (c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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<sup>t</sup>Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.